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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office action mailed September 16, 2005 are requested in view of this amendment and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended, and new claims 3-7 have been added. The amended claims are fully supported by the original specification at least at page 21, lines 14-16. The new claims are fully supported by the original specification at least at: page 19, lines 21-22; page 20, lines 13-16; and page 22, lines 10-12. No new matter has been added. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-7 will be pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,789,120 to Lee et al. (“Lee”) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0114274 to Sturges et al. (“Sturges”) and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0052012 to Rinne et al. (“Rinne”). Applicant submits that amended claim 1 is patentable over the cited references, because claim 1 recites a source digital video signal transmitted through a one-way dedicated transmission channel, and a two-way source digital audio signal. The cited prior art does not teach a one-way video signal and a two-way audio signal or how these may be beneficial.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lee, Sturges, and Rinne and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0002586 to Rafal et al. (“Rafal”). Applicant submits that this rejection be withdrawn because there is no motivation to combine Rafal with the other cited prior art. Rafal does not teach a method or system for transmitting video and audio signals. Rafal only shows an online “party” forum in which participants may interact in virtual “chat rooms,” but none of

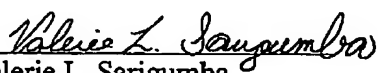
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these include transmitting audio or video signals.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims now presented in this application define patentable subject matter over the cited prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview could expedite resolution of any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted, .


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